



### NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

# SEPTEMBER, 2012



# **VETERANS DAY**

Veterans Day is coming up on November 11th and many businesses will hold special events to honor our military.



If your business is planning to serve free meals to our military personnel or hold a fundraising drive to raise money for our veterans, please fax the information to City Hall, with your business name, your name, phone number, and details of the event you are planning to hold. We will then publish it in the October

newsletter. The deadline for submittal is October 12th.

# OCTOBER IS BIG TRASH PICKUP MONTH

Ward 1 Wednesday October 3, 2012 Ward 2 Wednesday October 10, 2012 Ward 3 Wednesday October 17, 2012 Ward 4 Wednesday October 24, 2012

Big Trash <u>INCLUDES</u>, but is not limited to: household appliances, furniture, carpet, mattresses, box springs, water tanks, fencing and similar non-contracted items, bagged grass, and brush produced as refuse from single-family dwellings. Compressors must be removed from all appliances **BEFORE** collection may be completed. Doors on refrigerators and other bulky items **MUST** be removed before placement on curb.

Items <u>EXCLUDED</u> under the definition of big trash include hospital and medical waste, poisons, acids and caustics, explosives, dirt and rocks, sewage and liquid waste, nuclear materials, gasoline, kerosene, propane tanks, degreasers, lubricants, tires and rims, antifreeze, paint, and commercial construction debris, bricks or concrete. Call sanitation at 491-6474 if you have any questions.

<u>SIZE OF MATERIAL</u>: Big trash shall be a length not exceeding 10 feet or a weight exceeding 250 pounds. Tree trimmings and

branches must be placed together in piles with individual branches not longer than 8 feet and dead trees (not more than 6 inches in diameter).

The TOTAL amount allowed at the curb is 8 cubic yards (equal to what you can place in the back of 2 full size pickup beds level with the top of the cab).

Helpful Phone Numbers	
City Hall	789-2892
Fax	787-5432
Police Department	789-3329
Fire Department	789-5912
Animal Control	789-9025
Municipal Court	495-3032
Inspections & Permits	789-2892
Sanitation Department	491-6474
Streets & Parks	787-1404
Sewer Department	491-6478
Community Center	789-9892
Putnam City Schools	495-5200

# **City Council Members**

### Mayor

Patrick Woolley 409-4944

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Ward 1	Ward 3
Cathy Maxey 722-1045	Roger Godwin 473-2881
James Mickley	Bill McClure
721-7959	787-5374
Ward 2	Ward 4
Stephen Fuhrman	Jan Blake
537-5415	550-1605
Stewart Shapiro	David Dirkschneider

# **Storm Shelters**

514-0340

721-8230

Storm shelters are available at the following locations for citizens who are away from home when severe weather threatens the City of Warr Acres.

Cherokee Hills Park NW 67<sup>th</sup> & Cherokee Grandma Lily's Park NW 40<sup>th</sup> West of MacArthur City Hall 5930 NW 49<sup>th</sup>

# Recycling

Recycling dumpsters are available at Dorothy Cavener Park, in the area of NW 52nd and Hammond Avenue on the first Saturday and Sunday of each month. Recycling includes paper, plastic, glass, aluminum and tin cans.

# **Storm water Quality**

### What is Storm water?

Storm water is rain or melting snow that flows off of rooftops, paved areas, bare soil and lawns. This runoff flows into larger bodies of water (from puddles, to ditches, to streams, to lakes and rivers) until it eventually flows into the ocean.



### What's the concern about storm water?

In its journey from a puddle to the ocean, storm water picks up and carries many of the pollutants it encounters. These pollutants include sediment, pet waste, pesticides, fertilizers, automobile fluids (such as gasoline, oil and antifreeze), de-icing products, yard wastes, and litter.

### What Can You Do?

The most effective way to reduce storm water pollution is to stop it from entering the system in the first place. In other words, if you guard our local drains, you can dramatically improve what happens in our creeks, rivers and lakes.

### **Outdoor Home Maintenance**

It is possible to have a beautiful yard and a healthy environment. You can prevent your lawn and garden from contributing polluted runoff to streams, lakes, and rivers.

# Chemicals, fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticide

- Apply these substances sparingly.
- Read labels carefully and do not apply if the forecast calls for rain. If it rains, products will wash off into waterways before they have a chance to work.
- Clean up any spills immediately, and store products so that they won't get wet or leak.
- Consider natural and nontoxic alternatives to pesticides.

THE "HUGS PROJECT" HELPING OUR TROOPS OVERSEAS. Since June, 2004, the HUGS Project has devoted its efforts in letting our troops know they're not forgotten. The HUGS Project is volunteer based and donation driven. Hugs workers would like to have the names of service members who are deployed; packages are sent during the year as well as at Christmas. The birth date of service members is also requested; a package from home on a special day is a welcome reminder that those at home have remembered.

**Donated items can be dropped off at City Hall** where a box will be available. Food items such as ramen noodles, beef jerky, coffee, coffee creamer, hot chocolate mix, hard candy, and packets of condiment such as those included in to go food orders (ketchup, jelly, soy sauce, mustard, sweetener) are gratefully received by our troops. Non-food items such as three-blade razors, toothpaste & brushes, first aid supplies, and even comic-strip pages from both daily and Sunday papers are **MUCH** appreciated by our troops.

Please contact Karen Stark for more information. Phone: 405-651-8359, email: <u>TheHugsProject@cox.net</u>, Web: <u>www.TheHugsProject.com</u>

## FREE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AT CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR

Church of the Savior, 5600 NW 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, has started a **FREE** after-school program for 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> graders from 2:30 to 5:30 every Tuesday and Thursday in our gym. They want to provide a safe place for teens who are too old for childcare and would benefit from supervised activities/recreation and a place to work on their homework.



Activities will include arts and crafts, basketball, volleyball, soccer, games, and music. Snacks will be provided. No transportation is provided, but we hope students can walk from home or ride buses from school to our location at 63<sup>rd</sup> and Grove. For more information, call 721-5241, or check out our website and access the required parental consent form at www.cotsokc.org.



to all those who brought food donations to City Hall during the month of September for the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. It was a HUGE success!!!

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